

STATEHOOD INSURGENT

Babcock Praises Senate's Course Before His Associates.

HOUSE'S ACT SCORED

Grosvenor Declares Spoils System Remedy for Public Service Evils.

Washington, March 14.—The legislative bill was laid before the house today and Babcock of Wisconsin took the floor for a speech on the statehood bill. He said the house bill was one of the greatest legislative outrages ever enacted, and that the senate had properly amended the bill. He favored the senate amendment.

He dealt at length on the reasons why Arizona and New Mexico should not be united as one state. Applause on both sides of the chamber greeted Babcock's conclusion.

Grosvenor on Civil Service.
Announcing he wished to discuss civil service of the government, Grosvenor of Ohio remarked he did not wish to say "I told you so." One-half of the money that is squandered annually to support civil service, he said, would supply needed public buildings and provide for a ship subsidy which, after two years, he maintained, would put more money in the treasury than it took out.

Based on Life Term.
"The life term of office," he said, "that is the principle upon which the present system is based."

Rotation of office, he said, was the correct underlying principle, and while he was not particularly proud of his constituency in that respect, he accepted their conclusions. He did not favor turning out 575 clerks over 70 years of age, whose only fault was age.

Regulating Live Stock Shipping.
Washington, March 14.—Warren addressed the senate on the bill extending from 28 to 36 hours the time during which live stock in transit on railroad trains may be confined without change, saying the measure was in the interest of humanitarianism and should be passed.

More Money for Appropriations.
The fortifications bill was reported by Senator Perkins. It carries appropriations aggregating \$5,619,000, an increase of \$780,000 over the amount appropriated by the house bill. Rayner then addressed the senate in support of the railroad rate bill.

The president today nominated Lieutenant Colonel Charles F. Powell to be brigadier general.

Wants Facts from Philippines.
Washington, March 14.—The senate passed a resolution calling upon the secretary of war to send to the senate copies of all reports on the recent attack by United States troops on Mount Dajo, Jolo islands.

May Accept Gifts.
Washington, March 14.—The senate today passed a bill authorizing Rear Admiral Davis to accept gifts tendered him by the British and Russian governments.

May Refer Statehood.
Washington, March 14.—There are indications that the statehood bill may be referred by Speaker Cannon to the committee on territories. This action, friends of statehood for Indian Territory and Oklahoma fear, will entirely defeat the measure. The committee can retain the bill indefinitely, and should it appear and there are "insurgent" votes enough to concur with the senate, the bill would not, they say, be brought into the house.

Under rules of the house, a senate amendment to a house bill which changes the charge on the treasury

MINE BOARD MEET

Gravity of Coal Situation Realized by Delegates at Indianapolis.

Indianapolis, March 14.—A series of meetings, conventions and conferences in which an effort is to be made to deal with the labor crisis in the coal industry was opened today by a session of the international executive board of the United Mine Workers. All delegates that have arrived in the city thus far seem to be convinced a grave situation confronts them. The majority of them believe there will be a strike April 1. Delegates from the anthracite districts are following the example of their leaders and are not talking.

TANNER PROTESTS

Commander-in-Chief of the G. A. R. Writes Concerning the Age Limit

APPLIED TO PUBLIC SERVICE

Says Retrenchment Would Fall Mainly Upon Shoulders of Veterans of Civil War.

Washington, March 14.—A strong protest on behalf of the veterans of the civil war against the action of the house committee on appropriations in recommending the enactment of a law reducing the compensation of government clerks after they have reached the age of 65, and ultimately closing the classified service to men over 70 years old, is contained in a letter written by "Corporal" Tanner, commander-in-chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, to Representative Tawney, chairman of the committee.

Falls On Veterans.
"Corporal" Tanner calls Mr. Tawney's attention to the fact that a great percentage of those upon whom the proposed law would bear the heaviest fought for the preservation of the union, and declares that it would be ungrateful for the republic to cut down the wages of these men at a time when they most need the money, and eventually turn them out of employment at a period in their lives when they would be unable to help themselves.

Reduction Not Opposed.
As to the question of incompetency, Mr. Tanner says: "To a proposition that shall provide for a fair reduction when, in individual cases, by deterioration of his mental or physical faculties, a man is incapacitated from measuring up to the full requirements of the service, I have no objection to offer, but that condition is as amply provided for by existing law as you can make it."

Mr. Tanner points out if the age rule was applied to congress it would fall heavily upon some of the most distinguished members, particularly in the senate, and declares "that you won't find a confederate soldier behind your bill."

RENEWAL OF HEAVY SNOW IN SOUTHWEST

Kansas Has Worst of Season—Sleet in Missouri—Temperature Falling.

Lincoln, March 14.—A renewal of the heavy snowfall, which has visited Nebraska for the last three days came this morning.

The snow was driven by a brisk wind, drifted badly and train service on practically all railroads was interfered with.

Sleet at St. Joseph.
St. Joseph, Mo., March 14.—A severe sleet storm has been raging here since morning and the temperature is lowering.

Again the Heaviest.
Salina, Kan., March 14.—The worst snow storm of the winter prevailed in western Kansas today with the temperature falling fast.

22 Below at Butte.
Butte, Mont., March 14.—Butte and the state generally yesterday experienced one of the severest storms in years. The temperature dropped as low as 22 below zero.

ANOTHER PROBE FOR TRACTION AFFAIRS

New York Railroad Commission Decides to Investigate Big City Merger.

Buffalo, N. Y., March 14.—The state railroad commissioners in secret session here today considered charges in connection with the Ryan-Belmont traction merger in New York City and on adjournment announced they had decided to make an investigation.

Passes Bills.
Washington, March 14.—The senate yesterday passed a number of bills, some of which were of considerable importance. One provides for the punishment of government officials for the premature divulgence of secret information of the government bureau in such matters as crop reports; another grants executive authority in the matter of construction of bridges over navigable streams, and still another gives congressional sanction to the effort on the part of Delaware and New Jersey to adjust their long pending boundary dispute.

Tillman announced that after today he would seek to have the rate bill taken up for consideration each day immediately after disposing of the routine business of the senate instead of waiting until 2 o'clock.

ONCE MORE IS BALKED

Algeciras Conference Has Gone to Its Limits.

MEETINGS SUSPENDED

German and French Delegates Compelled to Ask Further Instructions.

Algeciras, March 14.—The Moroccan conference has reached a peculiar stage. It is completely helpless to solve the deadlock which has arisen over the remaining details of the police and bank questions.

Sessions Suspended.
The sessions are temporarily suspended without knowing when they will be resumed. French and German delegates are bound by their instructions and therefore unable to make any further concession and the conference not having judicial or legislative powers cannot settle the differences by a majority.

Neutral Delegates Balked.
Therefore neutral delegates who have heretofore sought to secure an agreement between the parties which the conference could unanimously confirm now recognize if the conference is left to itself it is incapable of getting out of the present difficulty. Therefore it remains for the governments themselves to intervene for the purpose of reaching an agreement.

DOUBLE MURDER INDICATED

Companion of Two Fishermen Shot to Death is Arrested.

St. Louis, Mo., March 14.—The bodies of two fishermen, Fred Hentz and William Sennett, with their faces torn to shreds by charges from a shotgun, were found yesterday lying near an abandoned coal chute along the Mississippi river, between Granite City and Alton, Ill. Henry Steffen, who was apprehended while rowing down the river, was placed under arrest on suspicion. Steffen said that he and Hentz and Sennett had been camping together and that Monday some unknown assassin suddenly fired upon them in camp with a shotgun, killing his two companions.

ARGUING PACKERS' CASE

Government Attorneys Heard in Big Meat Controversy.

Chicago, March 14.—District Attorney Morrison made the opening argument for the government in the packers' case yesterday afternoon. Attorney John S. Miller concluded his contentions in behalf of Armour and was followed by Attorney George W. Brown representing Swift. Attorney Moritz Rosenthal will follow District Attorney Morrison after which Attorney General Moody will make his argument.

PLOT TO MURDER DR. C. H. PARKHURST

New York Reformer in Danger as Result of Raid on a Disorderly House.

New York, March 14.—A report of an alleged plot to kill Rev. Dr. Charles H. Parkhurst was made public today. It is understood the district attorney's office has prepared to summon several witnesses in connection with the plot which is said to have originated because of a raid made upon a disorderly house by agents of the Parkhurst society some time ago.

Six Years in Prison for Cashier.
Buffalo, N. Y., March 14.—Fred R. Green, former cashier of the defunct Fredonia National bank, yesterday pleaded guilty and was sentenced to six years in Auburn prison. Green was indicted on 35 counts, charging abstraction, embezzlement, and false entry.

Violates Interstate Commerce Law.
Louisville, March 14.—Hollis H. Price, formerly of the Price Barton Hay company, who pleaded guilty in the federal court to falsifying weights and conspiracy to violate the interstate commerce laws, was fined \$1,025.

WRIT RELEASES MINER SUSPECT

Boise, Idaho, March 14.—Vincent St. John, president of the miners' union at Burke, arrested charged with complicity in the assassination of former Governor Steunenberg, was released today on a writ of habeas corpus.

ISLAND ERUPTION TO LICENSE RAIL LINES

Stream of Lava Flowing Into Sea From Mountain on Savaii.

ONE OF SAMOAN GROUP

Three Native Villages Said to Have Been Destroyed—Ship Sent to Rescue Survivors.

Honolulu, March 14.—A terrible eruption of the volcano on the island of Savaii, one of the Samoan group, is in progress.

The lava from the volcano is flowing into the ocean in a stream three-quarters of a mile wide and 20 feet deep at the rate of 20 feet an hour.

At night a solid wall of molten lava five miles long can be seen reaching far out into the sea. For some distance ahead the sea water is boiling and the surf breaking over the fiery stream.

The German government, which owns the island, has chartered the steamer Maori to remove the women and children from the zone of danger.

Three Villages Destroyed.
News of the eruption was brought here by the officers of the steamer Sierra, from Australia, which touched at Samoa on its way to this port.

They report that three villages have been completely destroyed, including Malaeola, where was located the finest cocoa plantation on the island. The residences of A. King and C. Barley have been reduced to ruins and are a total loss.

The officers of the Sierra also report that there has been no communication with the island of Tahiti since the recent disastrous hurricane.

CITIZENS SHOULD TAKE MORE INTEREST

Says Secretary Root in Welcoming Consular Reform Convention at Capital.

Washington, March 14.—Soon after the consular reform convention convened today Secretary Root was introduced. He welcomed the convention the government welcomed most gratefully the interest of citizens in every branch of activity. It is not possible, he said, for servants of the people to conduct the affairs of the government successfully unless the people take an interest in them.

Resolutions endorsing the Lodge bill providing for a reorganization of the consular service, were adopted.

IOWA DEALERS PUT COAL PRICES UP

Two Reasons Given, Cold Weather and Storing of Supply by Corporations.

Des Moines, Iowa, March 14.—Nearly all dealers advanced the price of soft coal from \$3 to \$2.50 a ton today. The advance, some dealers say, is due to increased demand because of cold weather. Others admit that, because of the impending strike, factories and railroads have accumulated such a large surplus the local supply has been cut short.

THIRTY-ONE ARE DROWNED

Fatal Equinoctial Tides Strike Antwerp.

Antwerp, March 14.—Thirty-one persons were drowned yesterday, owing to the equinoctial tides overflowing or bursting dikes on the Scheldt river.

EPITOME OF DOINGS IN CONGRESS YESTERDAY

Washington, D. C., March 14.—Following is a brief resume taken from the official records of yesterday's proceedings in both houses of congress:

SENATE.—The senate passed a number of bills, including the following: Providing for the punishment of government officials for the premature divulgence of secret information of government bureaus in such matters as crop reports, granting executive authority over the construction of bridges over navigable streams, giving government sanction to the efforts on the part of Delaware and New Jersey to adjust their long pending boundary dispute, authorizing the construction of a public building in Denver at a cost of \$2,300,000, authorizing the disposal of 305,000 acres of land in the Kiowa, Comanche and Apache reservations in Oklahoma to the highest bidders under the provisions of the homestead laws, and in Washington to the memory of John Paul Jones at a cost of \$50,000. Mr. Simmons made the speech of the day on the railroad rate bill, supporting the house measure. At 2:30 p. m. the senate went into executive session and adjourned 10 minutes later until today.

HOUSE.—The house began the consideration of the legislation of executive and judicial appropriation bill, and incidentally it discussed the question of elimination of Japanese and Korean immigration, the placing of alcohol used in the arts on the free list, the restriction of Japanese and Korean immigration, and finally conditions in New York city resulting from immigration. At 2 p. m. the house adjourned until today.

CHICAGO COMPANIES WILL BE GIVEN TEMPORARY PERMITS.

END OF CABLE POWER

Tunnels Under Surface of Chicago River Removed Early in April.

Chicago, March 14.—Immediate steps will be taken by the city to license the street railway companies upon the lines which the United States supreme court has declared are existing without franchises. At a conference today between Mayor Dunne and attorneys for the street car companies it was decided to issue permits as soon as possible permitting the companies to utilize the present cable lines.

Tunnels Come Out.
It was also decided the tunnels which extend under the surface of the Chicago river shall be removed early next month. The tunnels have been decided an impediment to the navigation of the river, and the war department has already ordered that they be demolished.

DEPEW'S CONDITION IS DECLARED NOT SERIOUS
New York Senator Subject of Many Rumors, Merely Suffering With Cold.

New York, March 14.—The World today says: "Senator Depew, about whose whereabouts there has been much speculation for several days, is at his residence in this city. It was said there last evening Depew's condition had improved greatly and that he would be able to leave home in a few days. The senator has been indoors for several days with a slight cold, but at no time was his physical condition serious."

TOM JOHNSON FOR SENATE

Democratic Leaders Will Try to Swing Ohio for Cleveland Man.

Columbus, Ohio, March 14.—The democratic leaders of Ohio have taken advantage of the legislative investigation of the affairs of Cincinnati to attempt to swing Ohio into the democratic column in 1908 and elect Mayor Tom L. Johnson of Cleveland as United States senator. It is planned to involve United States Senator Joseph B. Foraker and John R. McLean in the investigation.

MURDERER TAKES HIS LIFE

Man Who Threw Lamp at Woman with Fatal Results, Dead.

Norfolk, Va., March 14.—Louis Brown, aged 29, awaiting trial for the murder of Flossie Reese, at whom he threw a lighted lamp which exploded, committed suicide in his cell today by cutting his throat with a sharp penknife which he in some unknown manner smuggled into the jail.

IS STILL AFTER OUTLAWS

No Word Has Been Heard of Marshal Who is Chasing Indians.

Vinita, I. T., March 14.—Last night no word had been received from United States Marshal Darrough or any of his posse, who are pursuing the Wickett gang of Cherokee outlaws. The chase may last several days before the Indians are overtaken.

AGAINST CLASS PLAY.

Lincoln, Neb., March 14.—The faculty of Wesleyan university has refused to permit the seniors to give the annual class play and declare that theatricals are prejudicial to morals.

MOYER TO A COUNTY JAIL

Mine Officials Taken from Idaho State Prison—Governor Protests.

Caldwell, Idaho, March 14.—Under a heavy guard, Moyer, Haywood, and Pettibone, indicted for the murder of former Gov. Steunenberg, were removed yesterday from state prison in Boise to the Canyon county jail in this city against the protests of Gov. Gooding.

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Five Hurt in Runaway Coach.

Virginia City, Mont., March 14.—Five miners were injured in a wild runaway of a stage coach down the side of a mountain. The vehicle was filled with miners returning from the Easton mine when the wagon struck a glare of ice and control was lost of the coach. On the first bend the coach overturned, throwing the men in all directions.

CUMMINS CALLED

Iowa House Wants Proof of Charges Railroad Influence Was Used

TO DEFEAT PRIMARY BILL

Resolution Previously Adopted by Senate — Child Labor Act to Become Law.

Des Moines, March 14.—The house yesterday afternoon, with only six dissenting votes, passed the Gilliland resolution, previously adopted by the senate, calling upon Governor Cummins to prove the charges he made in his letter accepting the nomination for a third term, that railroad influence was used to defeat the primary bill in the Iowa legislature.

Amendment Voted Down.
An amendment providing for a committee of investigation was voted down, after a hot debate on the ground that it was beneath the dignity of the legislature to go into charges which so far have no foundation except the unsupported word of one man, even if he is the governor of the state. Proof that the charges are true is demanded before any such action is taken.

The governor, in his letter which so aroused the solons, said that every power at the command of the railroads was used to defeat the primary bill, and intimated that some members of the lawmaking body had been bribed. He promises to make some sensational revelations and his response to the resolution of inquiry is looked forward to with much interest.

Child Labor Bill Passes.
With the passage by the senate of the child labor bill the measure will become a law, as Governor Cummins will sign it at once. The bill prohibits the employment of children in any gainful occupation which would injure their health. The law also is aimed at department stores, prohibiting the employment of children in positions which compel them to remain standing for any length of time.

WILL TELL HADLEY WHAT THEY HAVE TO

Standard Oil Officers Remove the Impression They Will Talk Freely.

Kansas City, March 14.—The Standard Oil company, through its general western attorney, Alfred D. Eddy of Chicago, has notified Attorney General Hadley in effect that it will give him no more information than it is compelled to. When the Missouri supreme court decided against them, the company's attorneys promised that Henry H. Rogers would testify as to the ownership of Standard Oil stock. Mr. Hadley then suggested that if H. M. Tilford and W. H. Tilford of the Standard's domestic trade committee and M. Van Buren, who holds 3,750 shares of stock in the Waters-Pierce Oil company, would testify in New York, there need be no further fighting over having men testify. Mr. Eddy took the proposition to Standard Oil headquarters in New York, where it was promptly turned down. Mr. Eddy then notified Mr. Hadley that his clients had balked and that no more information will be given than can be dragged from them.

ATTACK AMERICAN; OFF COME HEADS

Summary Justice Meted Out to Chinese — Rush for Stock of Railway.

Canton, March 14.—The leader of the rebels of Kuang Si province and three others who were implicated in the attack on the house of Rev. Andrew Beattie, American missionary at Fati, in February, were beheaded March 12.

The rush of applicants for shares of the Canton-Hankow railway issued today was so great the streets were blocked with Chinese, and soldiers were called out to maintain order.

CARRY OUT LAWS

New French Cabinet Will Complete Divorce of Church and State.

Paris, March 14.—The new ministry presented itself to the chamber of deputies today and outlined its policy, as follows: "The government intends to carry out the church and state separation law with inflexible firmness and establish responsibility for the resistance to the taking of inventories." "Concerning Morocco we intend to follow the policy of the preceding ministry hoping the equity and dignity of our positions will permit an early and satisfactory solution. The cabinet approves the French-Russian alliance."

UP GOES GASOLINE.

Cleveland, Ohio, March 14.—The Standard Oil company today advanced the price of gasoline half a cent per gallon.

DEEP PLOT IS HATCHED

Russian Nobles Shown to be Stirring Fresh Trouble.

HOPE FOR REACTION

Riots, Massacres of Jews and Strikes Planned by Court Cabal.

St. Petersburg, March 14.—At today's session of the cabinet Premier Witte who was warmly supported by the procurator general of the holy synod and minister of education, insisted on the suppression of the organization known as the League of the Russian people, through which the agitation of the reactionary "black hundreds" is propagated.

Produce Counter Revolution.
It was established there is constantly accumulating evidence the plot to produce a counter revolution in hope of sweeping away the reforms outlined in the manifesto of Oct. 17 had its origin in a court cabal. The conspiracy includes General Trepoft, commandant of the palace, General Count Stuchinsky, former chief adjutant of the interior department, Count Sheremetieff, the noted reactionary, and General Prince Putiatin, who are said to be utterly reckless of the consequences.

Plan to Provoke Riots.
The plan is to provoke riots and massacres of Jews and revolutions over as wide an area as possible in order to justify still more terrible repressions and thereby prove to the emperor the people are not ripe for any sort of self government. It is a desperate game, but it is backed by many provincial authorities and the support of the governor generals has been extended. The complexity of Interior Minister Durnovo in the conspiracy is not proved, although suspected.

Thousands Armed.
It is understood 50,000 of the "black hundreds" in St. Petersburg are armed, but it is not believed, in view of the warnings they have received, the conspirators will attempt to provoke a massacre at the capital. Authorities here are in sympathy with the conspirators and the danger of an outbreak about Easter is regarded as very real.

In the meantime, on the other side, the proletarian organizations which were ruthlessly crushed by the government's repression measures are trying to organize another general strike.

Refuse to Serve Czar?
St. Petersburg, March 14.—It is rumored that the officers of a guards regiment upon receiving orders to go to the Baltic provinces to participate in the "pacification" of the country met and resigned in a body. The name of the regiment is not given and the rumor cannot be confirmed.

Rumor Confirmed.
St. Petersburg, March 14.—The rumor that officers of the 1st regiment of guards had resigned in a body upon receiving orders recently to go to the Baltic provinces and participate in the pacification of the country, was confirmed today.

New Catholic Sect.
Lodz, Russian Poland, March 14.—Mariavism, a new Catholic sect, which is gaining converts by the thousands, is arousing intense hostility on the part of the orthodox Catholics here, and serious clashes are occurring. A procession of converts came into conflict yesterday with a crowd of workmen, during which a priest was shot, whereupon the followers attacked and killed five persons.

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